Regulatory authority for BPO

2526. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up an independent regulatory authority for Business Process Outsourcing (BPO);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) units are covered under the existing labour laws. The State Governments are the "appropriate Government" under the various labour laws and legally vested with powers to deal with violation of labour laws in BPO Sector.

Special skill development programme for youth of Jharkhand

2527. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been no growth in non-farm jobs in Jharkhand during the last ten years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that no skill development programmes have been taken up in the State, to provide gainful employment to tribal youths, to wean them away from naxalite activities; and

(c) whether Government are considering to prepare special skill development programmes for Jharkhand youths through I.T.Is and polytechnics, and upgrading these institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) As per provisional results of Fifth Economic Census 2005, number of persons employed (excluding crop production and plantation) in state of Jharkhand was 11.69 lakh. State has witnessed a negative annual growth rate of 0.32 per cent of employment in non-farm sector between 1998 and 2005.